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**VACCINATION.**—The virtue of vaccination for the prevention of small-pox is so well understood that there are few now who doubt it. Some interest attaches, however, to statistics showing the manner and extent of its operations. A report has just been issued by the managers of the Metropolitan District of London, which states that in two of the principle hospitals of London the mortality from small-pox in unvaccinated cases was 47.5 per cent; where the vaccination was imperfect 25 per cent; where there was one good mark, 5.3 per cent; and where there were four or more good marks the rate was only 1.1 per cent. Such testimony as this settles the matter conclusively in favor of vaccination, which should never be neglected, whether small-pox be a recent visitation or not.